

AS

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 97-089-C - ORDER NO. 97-370  
MAY 2, 1997

IN RE: ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc., in its ) ORDER  
General Subscriber Services Tariff, to ) GRANTING  
Eliminate its Public and Semi-Public ) CONTINUANCE  
Telephone Services and to Establish an ) AND OTHER  
Access Line to Support Instrument ) RELIEF  
Implemented Smart Payphones and an )  
Access Line that Utilizes Central Office )  
Provided Coin Services. )

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a Motion for Continuance of the hearing in this matter and for other relief filed by the South Carolina Public Communications Association (SCPCA). With regard to the hearing, SCPCA notes that the Commission hearing in this matter is set for June 12, 1997. SCPCA notes that the FCC's recent clarification of intrastate filing requirements and limited waiver make it impossible to fully and effectively develop the record and hear this matter in such a short time frame. Also, according to SCPCA, any amended tariff filing will need to be noticed to the public. For these reasons, SCPCA requests a continuance of the hearing. According to SCPCA, the continuance will serve the public and all parties in the proceeding by allowing for the development of a full and complete record upon which the Commission may rule.

The Commission has examined this matter, and agrees with SCPCA that recent clarification of intrastate filing requirements and limited waiver will make it impossible to fully and effectively develop a record in this case and hear the matter in such a short time frame. Therefore, the Commission grants the continuance.

In addition, SCPCA alleges that ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc.'s (ALLTEL's) proposed tariff in this Docket fails the "new services test" under Federal law in various particulars, and that the tariff is discriminatory on its face. SCPCA therefore asks for an investigation into ALLTEL's rates for the basic payphone line and unbundled features, and states that such an investigation would serve the public convenience and necessity. SCPCA also questions the Company's eligibility for dial around compensation, and requests that this Commission issue a data request to investigate ALLTEL's basic and coin line services and unbundled network features.

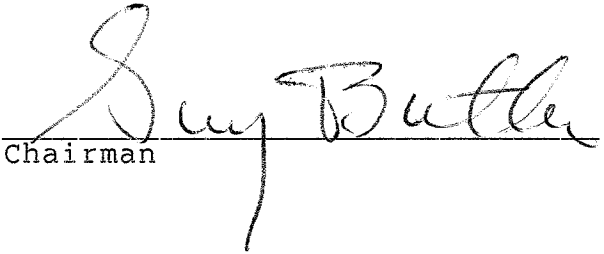
Accordingly, because of these allegations and requests, we hereby order Staff to conduct an investigation to review ALLTEL's entire tariff for payphone service with regard to the issues alleged in the Motion. Staff shall also issue the requested Data Request. Further, we will accept any amended tariff revisions of ALLTEL into the present Docket, requiring any such amendments to be noticed to the public. We also hereby order ALLTEL to restructure its tariff for payphone services to comply fully with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as implemented by the FCC

through the Payphone Orders issued in CC Docket No. 96-128.

Further, ALLTEL shall reimburse or provide credit to its payphone customers from April 15, 1997, if the newly approved rates are lower than existing tariffed rates.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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